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In re Patent Application of:

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Application No.: 10/552,099

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For: Electrolytically Coated Cold-Rolled Strip,

Preferably To Be Used For The Production Of Battery Shells, And Method For Coating

The Same

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.